

Columbus Cartwright Home
San Augustine, San Augustine County, Texas

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Owner Willie Sharpe

Date of Erection 1838

Architect Unknown

Builder General Felix Robinson(ertson)

Present Condition Good

Number of Stories 1½

Other Existing Records Unknown

Materials of Construction Frame

Additional Data Columbus Cartwright was a member of the Methodist Church. In 1897 he donated the entire block lying in front of the church and upon it there was erected a parsonage. In 1907 the old site was abandoned and sold and a church of artificial stone erected on the land given by Mr. Cartwright. By a remarkable coincidence the pastor at that time was Littleton F. Fowler, son of the pioneer Methodist preacher of 1837. See McMahon Chapel Tex-284.

The Columbus Cartwright house is located about a mile and one half from the town of San Augustine in a grove of large and beautiful trees. The house itself has real architectural distinction. The front entrance porch with its pediment is in fine scale. It is a story and one half house, which was an unusual form in the time when it was built. The one story wing at the right of the front entrance was built at a much later date than the original house. This addition, surprisingly, has not hurt the original house, but on the other hand really enhances it's appearance, even the slender jig-saw columns and sawed brackets look well. The whole makes a most interesting composition.

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